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SUBJECT: ZIMBABWE AND THE HORN OF AFRICA

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1. PLEASE PASS THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT TOLBERT  
FROM PRESIDENT CARTER IN LIEU OF REFTEL A. SIGNED  
ORIGINAL DATED MARCH 21 FOLLOWS: QUOTE DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:  
THANK YOU FOR YOUR MESSAGE OF ENCOURAGEMENT CONCERNING  
OUR EFFORTS TO HELP SOLVE THE DIFFICULT PROBLEMS OF  
ZIMBABWE.

2. I FULLY AGREE WITH YOU THAT WE MUST NOW ENGAGE ALL  
THE CONCERNED PARTIES IN EFFORTS TO BRIDGE THEIR DIFFER-  
ENCES. I SHARE WITH YOU THE GOAL OF A SETTLEMENT WHICH  
PROVIDES FOR A GENUINE AND FAIR TRANSFER OF POWER TO  
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THE MAJORITY. THE UNITED STATES HAS REFRAINED FROM  
CONDEMNING THE SALISBURY NEGOTIATIONS, BECAUSE WE FEEL  
THAT THIS WOULD NOT FOSTER A SPIRIT OF RECONCILIATION  
AMONG THE PARTIES. INSTEAD, WE HAVE ACKNOWLEDGED AS  
POSITIVE THOSE ELEMENTS OF THE SALISBURY AGREEMENT WHICH  
ARE CONSISTENT WITH THE PRINCIPLES OF THE ANGLO-AMERICAN  
PROPOSAL, WHILE AT THE SAME TIME STATING CLEARLY THAT

THE AGREEMENT IS INADEQUATE AS AN OVERALL SETTLEMENT.

3. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT OTHER NATIONS, PARTICULARLY OAU MEMBERS, USE THEIR INFLUENCE TO ENCOURAGE FLEXIBLE ATTITUDES. WE ARE DISAPPOINTED WITH THE NEGATIVE RESPONSE TO OUR SUGGESTION FOR AN EARLY MEETING OF THE PRINCIPAL PARTIES TO THE DISPUTE. HOWEVER, WE INTEND TO CONTINUE OUR EFFORTS TO BRING SUCH A MEETING ABOUT.

4. I AM PLEASED THAT YOU SHARE OUR DESIRE FOR A MEETING OF THIS KIND AND I APPRECIATE YOUR STEADFAST SUPPORT OF NEGOTIATIONS AS THE BEST PATH TO A FAIR SETTLEMENT. I KNOW THAT I CAN CONTINUE TO RELY ON YOUR WISDOM AND CANDOR IN THIS MATTER.

5. IN PURSUIT OF THE RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF PEACE AND STABILITY IN THE HORN, WE CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THE EFFORTS OF THE OAU MEDIATION COMMISSION TO BRING ETHIOPIA AND SOMALIA TOGETHER TO SEEK A DURABLE AND JUST SOLUTION OF THEIR DISPUTE. I AM CONFIDENT THAT YOUR GOVERNMENT WILL BE ABLE TO FURTHER THOSE EFFORTS.

6. THE UNITED STATES REMAINS SERIOUSLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE DANGER TO THE PEACE AND STABILITY OF THE REGION POSED BY THE EXCESSIVE PRESENCE OF SOVIET AND CUBAN COMBAT FORCES IN ETHIOPIA. WE HAVE MADE IT CLEAR TO SOVIET  
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AUTHORITIES THAT AS A CONSEQUENCE OF THE DEPARTURE FROM ETHIOPIAN TERRITORY OF SOMALI FORCES, WE EXPECT AN EARLY AND SIGNIFICANT WITHDRAWAL OF SOVIET ADVISORS AND CUBAN COMBAT FORCES. WE ALSO BELIEVE THAT THE SOVIET UNION AND CUBA HAVE ACQUIRED A PARTICULAR OBLIGATION TO INSURE THAT THE PACIFICATION OF THE REGION PROCEEDS WITH MAGNANIMITY.

7. I LOOK FORWARD TO OUR UPCOMING MEETING, AND TO CONTINUING OUR INTERCHANGE THEN IN THE SPIRIT OF COOPERATION AND GOOD WILL WHICH CHARACTERIZES THE SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES. SINCERELY,  
(SIGNED) JIMMY CARTER UNQUOTE.

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